

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services  
**Institutional Review Board Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**February 25, 2020**

**CHICAGO**

Janet Ahern  
Dr. Margaret Scotellaro  
Janet Chandler  
Brooke Taylor

**ON PHONE**

Tammy Fuller  
Kim Mann  
Rocell Cyrus

**EXCUSED**

Arricka Newingham  
Robin Albritton

**GUEST**

Robin LaSota

**CALL TO ORDER**

Janet Ahern called the meeting to order at 3:33 p.m. A quorum was present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Dr. Margaret Scotellaro made a motion to approve the minutes November 26, 2019.

Kim Mann seconded the motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

**FOLLOW UP**

**Miranda Honigman.** *Response to Grand Challenges of Social Work.*

Researcher was informed that as long as her research was for her classroom presentation only, she could go forward. If at any point there were further expectations for her research to go beyond the scope of her class, the board would need further information.

Research proposal was determined to not need IRB approval at this time.

**Sara Taxman.** *Non-Suicidal Self-Injury and Childhood Maltreatment among Adolescent Youth in Care.*

Researcher submitted a new research proposal.

Doesn't make sense to have consent and assent form and also be de-identified.

More information is needed about the recruitment process.

**MOTION:** Motion made to continue to table the proposal until questions posed by the board were answered.

## **NEW PROPOSALS**

**Catherine Corr.** *Exploring the Experiences of Children with Disabilities in the Child Welfare System.*

Relies on the Department to code children correctly. Relies on SACWIS data – are of unknown reliability – which will be a limitation they will need to talk about in their report out.

Descriptive study at this stage. Money to explore this – secondary data analysis.

No concerns at this stage. Nothing specific about what type of disabilities – not very focused and very broad. Might get more from the tab on special education (will have IEPs). Data might exist and CFRC may have access to the education tab in SACWIS to pull the information down.

**MOTION:** Kim Mann motioned to approve the proposal.

Dr. Margaret Scotellaro seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

**Amy Dworsky.** *CWAC Support.*

Not sure why seeking IRB approval

**MOTION:** Doesn't need IRB approval.

**Tom Ferkol.** *Nasal Nitric Oxide Measurement as a Functional Diagnostic Tool.*

Similar to cystic fibrosis. Standard care is nasal biopsy.

Wants to measure production of nitric oxide in one child –sticking something in nose and have child exhale/inhale for approximately 30 minutes to measure gas levels.

FDA has not approved the tool. Child may have a biopsy anyway. Researcher looking for one more piece of information.

No benefit to the child. Doesn't want them to do a biopsy earlier than necessary.

Child fits criteria and he wants to get one more research subject. Once FDA approved, could be used instead of a biopsy. Maybe in the future.

Not harmful to the child, not doing diagnostics on the child.

Because being used in the care of the youth and we cannot approve non-FDA approved.

Contradictory – benefit and study says that there is no benefit.

**MOTION:** Dr. Margaret Scotellaro motioned to not approve the proposal.

A unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

**Judith Havlicek.** *Developing Understanding of the Foster Parent Mentoring Program at Children's Home & Aid through Research – AMENDMENT”.*

Very minor change requested.

**MOTION:** Janet Chandler motioned to approve the proposal.

Dr. Margaret Scotellaro seconded the proposed motion and a unanimous vote from the remaining board members carried the motion.

**William Schneider.** *Evaluation of Safe Families for Children: A Quasi-Experimental Study in Cook County, Illinois*

Propensity matching techniques.

Not enough information to make a decision. Assumes everyone knows what safe families for children is.

What are the research questions? What are the outcomes? What are the variables?

Tammy Fuller will follow up with the researcher.

**MOTION:** Motion made to table the proposal until questions posed by the board were answered.

### **OTHER**

**Research Agenda.** Areas of interest in the Department and name whatever those things are. Offering a framework for strategies to give them some guidance. Short research agenda updated for 2020 – much broader. Family First should be covered by the broader/general research topics. Interested in comments or feedback if individuals have edits. Suggestion to have two different research ‘portals’ – one for students and one for researchers. Very broad idea – just a proposal today. Appendix should help people a lot. An attempt to provide research support. Recommending sending to management staff to review and comment.

**Michael Braun Research Paper.** Anything submitted for publication gets to review and comment on it. No problem with the paper. Building knowledge base around this area is important. No comments to offer.

**Anne Farrell Research Paper.** Nice charts, prolific work. No comments.

Next meeting re-scheduled for March 31, 2020 at 2 PM (due to Executive Staff Leadership Retreat scheduled for March 24, 2020 that some members need to attend).

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.